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TAGS: PFOR, OCON, UNESCO, XF, IS

SUBJECT: UNESCO 99TH EXBD: ARAB-ISRAELI ISSUES:

DEBATE BUT NO RESOLUTION BY ARABS REPORTEDLY

AGREED TO RE RESOLUTION 3379 (AGENDA ITEM

7.1; ARAB RES RE OCCUPIED TERR.(ITEM 9.1)

REF: (A) STATE 115896, (B) PARIS 13976

1. PERMDEL INFORMED BY AUTHORITATIVE AFRICAN AND
ARAB SOURCES THAT LATTER'S EXBD MEMBERS (EGYPT, SAUDI

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ARABIA, SYRIA, TUNISIA) WILL NOT RPT NOT PRESENT ANY

DRAFT RESOLUTION WHEN BOARD CONSIDERS ON MAY 18 AGENDA
ITEM 7.1 RE REPORTAGE OF UNGA RESOLUTION 3379 OF CON-
TEXT OTHER UN AGENCY DECISIONS RATHER THAN TO UNESCO.
ARABS REPORTEDLY INTEND TO MAKE STATEMENTS CRITICAL OF
MINIMAL REFERENCE GIVEN TO RES. 3379 ("ZIONISM-RACISM"
EQUATION) AND LEAVE MATTER AT THAT, IF ISRAELIS DO NOT
MAKE STATEMENTS WHICH, IN ARABS' VIEW WOULD CALL FOR
FURTHER REPLY.

2. AS FOR ISRAELIS, THEY ARE STILL SEEKING SUPPORT
FOR HAVING BOARD MEMBERS EXPRESS RESERVATION ON THIS
ISSUE. ALL OF WEO'S HAVE NOW INFORMED ISRAEL THEY
WILL NOT TAKE ANY INITIATIVE. ISRAELI PERMREP YAPOU
WOULD NOT GIVE ANY FIRM ANSWER AS TO WHETHER THEY WILL
TAKE INITIATIVE. HOWEVER, SINCE IT IS ALMOST CERTAIN
ARABS BOARD MEMBERS WILL COMMENT ON ITEM, ARABS
LIKELY TO SPEAK FIRST. THEREFORE, ISSUE NOW IS TO
WHAT EXTENT AND IN WHAT TONE ARABS AND ISRAELIS WILL
APPROACH ISSUE. AFRICANS ASSERT THEY HAVE COMMITMENT
OF ARABS ON BOARD--AGROUPING WHICH DOES NOT INCLUDE
ALGERIA AND IRAQ--TO MAKE RELATIVELY MILD STATEMENTS.

3. BUT EVEN IF DEBATE BECOMES HEATED, OUTLOOK IS
THAT THERE WILL BE NO RESOLUTION. FOR INFO DEPT:
MEETING BETWEEN PERMRP AND BAR YAARCOV PUT OFF BY
ISRAELIS.

4. DISCUSSION IN CORRIDORS NOW TURNING TO AGENDA ITEM
9.2 CONCERNING EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS OF POPU-
LATIONS IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. THE DRAFT RESOLUTION,
REPORTEDLY DRAWN UP BY TUNISIANS, WAS INFORMALLY
CIRCULATED MORNING OF MAY 14 AND PASSED IN CONFIDENCE
TO PERMDEL. TEXT REPORTEDLY REPRESENTS ARAB GROUP
CONSENSUS AND IS VIEWED BY BLACK AFRICANS AS MOST
MODERATE TEXT OBTAINABLE AND THEY ARE CO-SPONSORING IT.
TEXT TRANSLATED FROM FRENCH ORIGINAL IS AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN QUOTE. THE EXECUTIVE BOARD,

HAVING EXAMINED THE DIRECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT ON THE
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APPLICATION OF THE 18TH GENERAL CONFERENCE RESOLUTION
13.1 CONCERNING EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS
IN THE OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES,

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NOTING THE DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED BY THE DIRECTOR
GENERAL FOR THE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS RESO-
LUTION DUE TO THE OCCUPATION AUTHORITIES,

EXPRESSES ITS PROFOUND CONCERN IN OBSERVING THAT THE
POPULATIONS OF THE AFOREMENTIONED TERRITORIES, ACCORDING
TO INFORMATION RECEIVED, ARE PREVENTED FROM FREELY
ENJOYING INALIENABLE EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
NECESSARY FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THEIR NATIONAL
IDENTITY,

I. - RENEWS TO THE ISRAELI OCCUPATION AUTHORITIES

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THE PRESSING APPEAL MADE BY THE 18TH SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE, AND SOLEMNLY REQUESTS THEM TO COMPLY URGENTLY TO RESOLUTION 13.1 IN THE SPIRIT OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND OF THE CONSTITUTION OF UNESCO,

II. - INVITES THE DIRECTOR GENERAL TO CONTINUE HIS EFFORTS FOR THE EFFECTIVE APPLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION AND TO THIS END TO REINFORCE ALL USEFUL CONTACTS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE WITH ALL STATES CONCERNED AND WITH THE PALESTINIAN LIBERATION ORGANIZATION,

III. - DECIDES TO HAVE THE GENERAL CONFERENCE CONSIDER THIS QUESTION AT ITS 19TH SESSION,

IV. - EXPRESSES ITS THANKS TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR HIS EFFORTS, REQUESTS HIM TO REPORT ON THE EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS IN THE OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES AT THE 19TH SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE. END QUOTE. PLEASE ADVISE.

5. COMMENT: PERMDEL FINDS ABOVE DR MODERATE RELATIVE TO THE POTENTIAL TEXTS THAT ARABS MIGHT HAVE INSISTED UPON; PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF CURRENT SITUATION IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. PERMDEL UNDERTAKING SOUNDINGS AMONG WEO'S FOR THEIR REACTIONS BUT IT IS LIKELY THAT FEW, IF ANY, WILL OPPOSE AND MOST OR ALL WILL ABSTAIN. HOWEVER, PERMDEL WOULD NOTE THAT 18TH GENERAL CONFERENCE RESOLUTION 13.1 CITED ADOPTED NOVEMBER 23, 1974 CARRIED BY 51 VOTES IN FAVOR TO FIVE AGAINST (US-ISRAEL) WITH 22 ABSTENTIONS.

6. PERMDEL WOULD EMPHASIZE FOR DEPARTMENT'S CONSIDERATION THAT BLACK AFRICANS CONSIDER ABOVE TEXT A MAJOR ACHIEVEMENT IN DIRECTION OF MODERATION TO WHICH THEY HOPE U.S. WILL RECOGNIZE BY ABSTAINING IN VOTE. MOREOVER, SENEGALESE DEPUTY PERMREP -- A PRIME MOVER IN AFRICAN-ARAB NEGOTIATIONS ON TEXT -- NOTED BOTH ARAB FOREBEARANCE ON "ZIONISM-RACISM" ISSUE IN AGENDA ITEM 7.1 AND IN ABOVE TEXT ON OCCUPIED TERRITORIES WAS DUE TO COMBINATION OF BLACK AFRICAN LOBBYING
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AND MODERATE ARABS (EGYPT, TUNIS, SYRIA) WILL WILLINGNESS TO RESIST HARD-LINE FAVORED BY IRAQIS AND ALGERIANS. ACCORDING TO SENEGALESE, U.S. "ABSTENTION" THEREFORE WOULD BE SEEN AS SUPPORTIVE OF ARAB

MODERATES BY DEMONSTRATING THAT U.S. NOT INFLEXIBLE AND
THAT U.S. WILL NOT AUTOMATICALLY OPPOSE ANY MEASURE RE
ISRAELIS REGARDLESS OF MODERATION OF TEXT.
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